

ABSTRACT

This thesis focuses on conversation analysis in news interview. The subject of the research is the elected president of United States, Barack Hussein Obama, who is one of the most influential people in the world.

The purpose of this research is to discover Obama's conversation style and his responses in news interview with Bill O'Reilly. The main data, which are four videos of news interviews, are transcribed into orthographic transcription.

Afterwards, the transcriptions are analyzed using conversation analysis (CA) theory. In this theory, there are some elements that facilitate us to investigate one's conversation style such as pause, latch, backchannel, and overlap.

As the result of the analysis, the writer finds that Obama belongs to high involvement style. He speaks relatively fast, almost no pausing between turns and with some overlaps in the turns. He also often employs minimal response + elaboration when he answers the questions. This means that he gives direct question to the answer and then elaborates it.

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